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## REMARKS

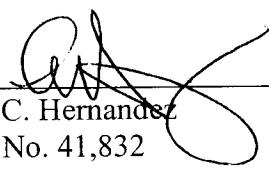
Claims 1, 8, 10, 11, 12, 14-18, 43 and 51-61 are pending in this application. Claims 2-7, 9, 13, 19-42 and 44 – 50 which are drawn to non-elected subject matter, are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications to the non-elected subject matter.

In the office action mailed November 1, 2006, the examiner asserted that the application contains claims directed to patentably distinct species. As discussed in a telephone call with Examiner Barrett, Applicant elects the species that corresponds to claim 43. Applicant has added new claims 51-61 which further define the species of claim 43. The species of claim 43 is supported in the application by at least paragraph 0027 in addition to being supported by additional sections of the application. Applicant respectfully asserts that at least claims 1, 8, 10, 11, 12, and 14-18 are generic or readable on the species of claim 43.

In view of the above, examination of the application on the merits are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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